

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Balyeat, on March 25, 2009 at 10
A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 143, HB 318, 3/18/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 318

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on
HB 318, Regulate debt settlement companies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:45 Heather Carmichael, United States Organizations for
Bankruptcy Alternatives (USOBA), and Credit Solutions
of America

EXHIBIT (bus66a01)

00:08:26 Robert Linderman, Association of Settlements Companies
(TASC)
00:11:32 Tom Jacobson, Executive Director, Consumer Credit
Counseling Services of Montana (CCCS)
00:14:17 Stephanie Marshall, Certified Credit Counseling
Counselor, CCCS, Butte
00:16:49 Ali Bovingdon, Office of Consumer Protection,
Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:11 Sen. Keane
00:19:24 Rep. Kottel
00:21:29 Chairman Balyeat
00:21:39 Rep. Kottel
00:21:51 Sen. Brown
00:22:29 Rep. Kottel
00:23:35 Sen. Brown
00:23:40 Ali Bovingdon
00:24:54 Sen. Brown
00:25:42 Heather Carmichael
00:26:26 Chairman Balyeat
00:26:48 Pat Murdo
00:27:17 Sen. Jackson
00:32:31 Robert Linderman
00:34:07 Chairman Balyeat
00:34:13 Tom Jacobson
00:36:35 Sen. Keane
00:37:19 Robert Linderman
00:38:30 Chairman Balyeat
00:39:43 Heather Carmichael

00:40:31 Chairman Balyeat
00:40:36 Rep. Kottel
00:41:00 Chairman Balyeat
00:43:59 Ali Bovington
00:44:08 Sen. Tropila
00:44:46 Rep. Kottel
00:45:21 Sen. Jackson
00:48:04 Robert Linderman
00:48:52 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:49:29 Robert Linderman
00:51:11 Chairman Balyeat
00:51:17 Ali Bovington

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:57 Rep. Kottel

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:45 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 143, Nonprofit corporation registry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:24 Ali Bovington, Department of Justice
[EXHIBIT \(bus66a02\)](#)

01:01:37 JoAnn Piazzola, self, Butte
[EXHIBIT \(bus66a03\)](#)

01:05:17 Brian Magee, Executive Director, Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)

01:09:58 Clyde Daily, Montana Credit Union Network, Montanans for Credit Union Development

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:53 Gregory DePuydt, President, Queen of Victory Radio (QVR), Butte
[EXHIBIT \(bus66a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:17:39 Jim Brown, Doney Law Firm, Helena, representing Office
of Public Affairs, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints

[EXHIBIT \(bus66a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus66a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus66a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:27 Sen. Jackson
01:23:40 Rep. McAlpin
01:23:53 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:24:00 Rep. McAlpin
01:24:23 Sen. Brown
01:26:30 Ali Bovingdon
01:27:04 Chairman Balyeat
01:34:49 Ali Bovingdon

[EXHIBIT \(bus66a08\)](#)

01:35:08 Chairman Balyeat
01:37:03 Brian Magee
01:37:16 Chairman Balyeat
01:39:20 Sen. McAlpin
01:39:28 Sen. Jackson
01:40:47 Ali Bovingdon
01:44:15 Chairman Balyeat
01:47:18 Ali Bovingdon

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:19 Rep. McAlpin

01:51:00 Chairman Balyeat

Additional Exhibit:

[EXHIBIT \(bus66a09\)](#) Pertains to HB 286, Tabled in Executive Action
on 3/24/09

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:52 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([bus66aad.pdf](#))